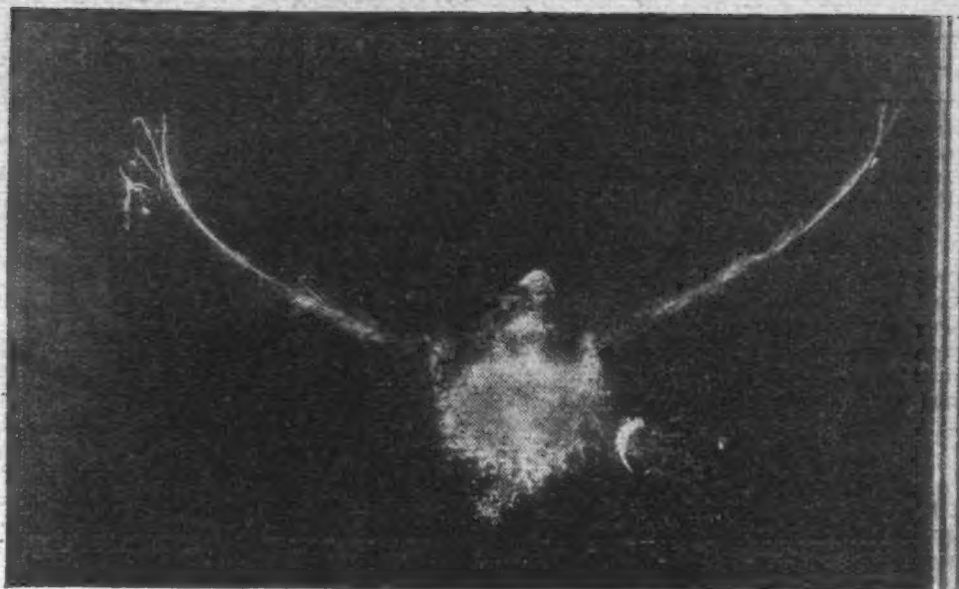


# HERE AND THERE

**PIGEON PORTRAIT:** An impression left in dust on a wet window in Holborn by a pigeon in full flight, which is referred to below.



## Air Travel as an Aid to Shipping

A DIRECTOR of D.N.L. and chairman of S.A.S., Mr. Ths. S. Falk, has been elected president of the Norwegian Shipowners' Association. In a recent speech Mr. Falk said that as traffic promoted more traffic, air services would not take passengers from shipping, and by enabling shipping executives to make more extensive contacts and market studies, rapid air travel was of great benefit to shipping. Accelerated supply of spares for ships held up by breakdowns and transfers of crews had also the greatest possibilities.

## N.P.L. Appointment

THE Council of the Royal Society has appointed Sir Frederick Handley Page to represent the R.Ae.S. on the General Board of the National Physical Laboratory.

## Unique Record of Flight

A PIGEON recently flew into a newly glazed window in a building in Holborn, and left a unique "dustograph" with dust shaken out of its plumage on to the wet window by the impact. The photograph on this page was taken by Mr. George Miles, of

Gilchrist Studios, Ltd., at the request of Dr. A. P. Thurston. So clear was the dust impression that the tongue in the open beak showed clearly. The body was not found and it is presumed the bird recovered; probably he imagined that he had hit the sonic barrier.

## Pact with Peru

PERU and the U.K. have signed a bilateral air pact, each country giving the other landing rights and facilities for scheduled air services including services between Peru and certain British colonies.

## Far East Engineering Society

AN engineers' society which is later to be a branch of the British Society of Licensed Aircraft Engineers has been started in Singapore. The organizer is Mr. Charles Short, of Qantas. Five members have been accepted and ten more applications have been received from employees of Qantas and Malayan Airways.

## Bonanza Ambulance

AN ambulance conversion for the four-passenger Beechcraft Bonanza has been designed by the makers. In this

form, the machine carries three—pilot, patient and nurse. The patient has a special stretcher which can be loaded over the leading edge of the starboard wing.

## H. M. Hobson Directors

A NUMBER of appointments have been made to the board of H. M. Hobson, Ltd. The new directors are Messrs. A. J. Aiers, C. Clifford, N. V. Dams, T. Simpson and P. H. Stokes. Mr. W. M. Iliffe has retired from the board.

## Long-range Missiles

IT is estimated that nearly 2,000 workers will be employed in developing long-range rockets in Australia, where a new township to house some of them is being built near Adelaide.

## Faireys in Australia

OWING to an error in transcription, the appointment of a Fairey representative in Australia was incorrectly reported in our December 25th issue. It is A. Cdre. F. Kirk, O.B.E., who has been appointed to this position.

## Airlines' Complaint

WHEN the Prime Minister of Australia expressed his intention to fly to New Zealand for a holiday in his private Dakota, the Air Board decided that on safety grounds a four-engined aircraft should be used. Private operators complained that there were twice-daily T.E.A. scheduled flying-boat services available, and that the use of an R.A.A.F. Liberator would waste 2,500 gallons of petrol.

## Fire Detector

A NEW fire detector for aircraft has been introduced by Control Products Inc., Harrison, N.J., U.S.A. The CPI detector actuates the alarm system, it is claimed, in under the allowable five seconds when exposed to a temperature of 2,000 deg. F., and also indicates "fire out" rapidly. The weight is approximately one ounce; normally open circuits requiring no relays are used, and the device is hermetically sealed.

## Two New Wind Tunnels

AN all-steel wind tunnel, with a working section 9ft by 7ft and highly-finished welded joints, is nearing com-



GERMAN INSTRUCTORS with airmen at Buckeburg on one of the fifteen one-month courses provided for airmen and airwomen by B.A.F.O. In this case the subject is chemistry, and among further courses to be started is "garage repairs."

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